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Claim 3: The floral arrangement as set forth in claim 2 wherein said item is a gift item.

(In the originally filed application: "as set forth in claims 1 or 2....")

Claim 4: The floral arrangement as set forth in claim 1 wherein said supporting rods are made substantially of bright or refined steel wire.

(In the originally filed application: "as set forth in one of the preceding claims ....")

Claim 5: The floral arrangement as set forth in claim 1 wherein said item is secured to said supporting rod via a fastener in which said supporting rod is inserted. (In the originally filed application: "as set forth in one of the preceding claims....")

Claim 7: The floral arrangement as set forth in claim 5 wherein said item is adhered to an adhesive surface area of said fastener.

(In the originally filed application: "as set forth in claims 5 or 6 .....")

Claim 8: The floral arrangement as set forth in claim 5 wherein said fastener is made substantially of PE.

(In the originally filed application: "as set forth in claims 5, 6 or 7 .....")

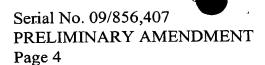
Claim 9: A method of configuring a floral arrangement as set forth in claim 1 including an item integrated therein comprising the following steps:

- securing said item to a support comprising a plurality of bendable supporting rods held at one end circularly bundled by a common supporting base and
- b) arranging said floral arrangement about said support.

  (In the originally filed application: "as set forth in one of the preceding claims.....")

Claim 11: The method as set forth in claim 9 wherein said support is held in a stand in configuring said floral arrangement.

(In the originally filed application: "as set forth in claims 9 or 10....")



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Claim 12: support for items in a floral arrangement as set forth in claim 1 including a bundle of bendable supporting rods firmly bundled together circularly at one end at a common supporting base for securing said items in said floral arrangement.

(In the originally filed application: "as set forth in one of the claims 1 - 8 or for using in a procedure as set forth in claims 9 -11.....")

Claim 14: The support as set forth in claim 12 wherein said supporting rods are crimped together.

(In the originally filed application: "as set forth in claims 12 or 13.....")

Claim 15: The support as set forth in claim 12 wherein said supporting rods form a bundle of supporting rods in round or hexagonal cross-section in a hexagonal symmetrical arrangement in cross-section.

(In the originally filed application: "as set forth in claims 12, 13 or 14.....")

In the description, the numerals of the paragraphs and the headlines "Background of the Invention", "Summary of the Invention", "Brief Description of the Drawings", "Detailed Description" have been added.